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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROCESSING EMBEDDED OBJECTS**

The specification of which is filed herewith.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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<b>U.S. APPLICATION</b>	<b>U.S. FILING DATE</b>	<b>Patented</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Abandoned</b>
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